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National Transportation Safety Board Factual Data Collection Report of Accident

CHI07CA270

Aircraft Reg No: N201LE Most Critial Injury: None

Location/Time

Aircraft Information

Nearest City/Place: Chesterfield, MO Occurrence Date: 08/08/2007

Make/Model: Mooney / M20J Serial Number: 24-0480

Occurrence Time: 2030 CDT

Landing Gear: Retractable - Tricycle

Type of Aircraft: Airplane (not Homebuilt)

Flight Itinerary

Engine Type: Reciprocating

Last Depart. Point: Cincinnati, OH

Engine Make/Model: Lycoming / IO-360-A3B6D

Destination: Same as Accident/Incident Location

Aircraft Damage: Substantial Aircraft Fire: None

Operator Information

Weather

Registered Acft Owner: Goddard Group LLC

Condition of Light: Day

Operator of Aircraft: Goddard Group LLC Operator Address: St. Louis, MO

Wx Cond. at Site: Visual Conditions

Reg. Flt. Conducted Under: Part 91: General Aviation

First Pilot Information

Cert(s)/Rating(s): Private; Single-engine Land

Flight Time (Hours)

Total All Aircraft: 913

Instrument Ratings: Airplane Medical Cert: Class 3 Date of Last Med. Exam: 08/2007 Total Make/Model: 262

Injury Summary

 Fatal
 Serious
 Minor/None

 Crew
 0
 0
 1

 Pass
 0
 0
 0

Narrative

*** This investigation is based on information furnished by the Pilot/Operator. Additional details may be found in the Form 6120.1***

The airplane received substantial damage to the wing ribs when it departed a taxiway and struck an airport sign. The pilot reported that he was anxious to clear the runway after landing on runway 26L since he knew that another airplane was behind him for landing. He exited the runway at the first available taxiway. He reported that he thought the taxiway intersected the runway at a 90-degree angle, but it actually was a high-speed taxiway for landing aircraft from the opposite direction on runway 8R. He reported that the airplane departed the taxiway and struck the airport sign.